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Stozzi XI - 1706 - 8.70

" " 1707 - 7.50

3) _____ 4.32

4) _____ 4.20

5) _____ 6.85

6) ans f _____ 8.65

7) ans - 2 7/2 0.75

8) " - 2 20/1 6.85

6 rue Picolat Geneva 23^d April 1930

Dear Mr. Newell

I hope you will apologise if I take the liberty of writing to you but there are many things which I should be pleased to speak of with you. Since the end of 1926 I have begun a special collection of gold coins of Cyrenaica. This collection is growing on pretty well and I have been lucky enough to secure 34 different staters (including $\chi\alpha\iota\rho\epsilon\phi\omega\nu$ BMC. pl. XII.2, XII.10, XII.12, XII.14, XII.15, 3 $\alpha\pi\iota\sigma\tau\alpha\tau\omicron\rho\alpha$ XIII.3, XII.7, and an unpublished one with a smaller quadriga, 1 drachm etc... etc...) It was important to me to know which Alexanders could be ascribed to Cyrenaica. Besides the $\kappa\upsilon\rho\alpha\nu\alpha\iota\omega\nu$ $\pi\tau\omicron\lambda\epsilon\mu\alpha\tau\iota\omega\varsigma$ which Alexander-types already published (I possess one drachm from the same die as Lemnigrad coin Berl. Rd. BMC. 170^b) I could only find a single coin which I could ascribe to Cyrenaica, it is the drachm without symbol Hirsch XXI n. 1214 = Lucena V. 1405, which is from the same obverse die as the Paris coin BMC. O^b. XXVIII. 2. This coin is yet in the Empedocles collection. Having secured a good correspondant in the Cyrenaica, I asked him to send me all the gold and silver Alexanders he could get in that country, but he found only one tetradrachm of Chios and three gold staters: 1^o one Aitium-coin like yours Appriate Alex. n. 1, pl. XII.1, but from different die. I sold it to Ravel, recommending him to offer you this coin first, thinking it could interest you, 2^o a stater like Soorono

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III. pl. II. 1-3, probably struck at Alexandria, I suppose, and 3^o
a stater, unfortunately badly preserved with very
special appearance with rose and EY also from
Alexandria. ^{as} You see, ~~but~~ I could ^{not} get anything
for my collection and I should be very much
obliged if you could tell me if you know staters
or other gold Alexanders which are from Cyrenaica
which I ought to collect. I have no idea where
the staters like Hirsch XXXI. p. VII. 269 and Num. Chr. 1928 pl. I. 15
are coming from. Could you tell me this?

with ♀

During some time I had the intention of col-
lecting the brass coins from Cassander, Eupolemos
and Adaens. ^{But} I sold them to Ravel, keeping
only the coins with helmets, shields and spear.

Among - ~~I have~~ those coins I possess now 2 small Cassander
which I think are very rare. I include the
impression on paper. Perhaps would those coins
interest you? I possess also a good Alexander
from Brigos*. I see in Num. Chron. vol. XV. ser. IV. p. 265 n. 91
that you have a small gold coin** from Cyrenaica
which you would perhaps give in change against
some of those coins? I intend to publish
once the "Corpus" of the Cyrenaica A. and
I should be extremely obliged to you if you
could send me casts of all your Cyr. A. and
ask Mr. Hoe if he could secure for me casts

*
Otr. exhibited
Rev. cat.

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If from the same
die as the Paris
coin, I have got it
already.

of all Cyrenais gold coins which he knows in America, including the museums. Not to forget the Alexandros and the Ptolemies like BMC

pl XVII 1-4, XXVIII 12, .
XXVIII 6-11.

I should be pleased if I could ~~share~~ join the American Society because all the methods employed there to publish the greek numismatics interest me very much. I have read and re-read very often all your publications on the Alexander, Demetrius etc.. I hope we are not to wait too long to get Cassander, Lysimachus, Philipp II, the Alexandrian coins etc.. The Baldwin pamphlet on Lampsaenus A is very interesting but surely Miss Baldwin finds too many different dies. She does not seem to me to pay attention to the fact that the dies are going to be worn, repaired, recut and she sometimes discriminate 3 or 4 dies where it is simply one. If the entire work would be carefully supervised I am pretty sure that the Lampsaene states would follow the general rule, I mean that one obverse die has many reverses. In Cyrenais the states have generally 4 to 6 reverses for 1 obverse. I found no more than 6 (often only 1 or 2 of course). The coin BMC XIV. 10, with the late quadriga from which Mr Robinson only knows 1 die has in my collection 4 different Zeus Ammon. - In the Num Chr. 1921 pl. V. 29

4)

Mr Hill has published a $\frac{1}{20}^{\text{th}}$ of stater with ^A horse head & ^B ram's head. This coin is, in my opinion surely Cyrenaical. (I possess also the coin from ~~Maroneia~~ ^{Maroneia} died). The great objection one could make to that attribution is that there are not 20th of staters known from Cyrenaica. But the objection ~~is~~ vanishes because it is the bad writing of Mr Behrendt Pick which is responsible that Mr Robinson ascribed a weight of 0.70 instead 0.40 to the coin ^{224^o p. xx. 24.} The same coin exists in Paris quoted 0.45 by Babelon ^{III p. 1086. 3} but very probably the weight is too high. In Paris they have got a miserable balance and when I asked the weights of the coins of this collection, Mr Babelon junior sent me a list where all the weights were wrong, all too high. I will have to weight them myself again. Therefore we have now a $\frac{1}{20}^{\text{th}}$ of stater and it is very probable that other coins of this nominal still exist. The coin with horse and ram's head would be a second. And I cannot find room for this coin in Salamis. The coin Bab. p. CXXIX. 8 is of very doubtful attribution. It seems to me not to be Cypriote, I do not care much taking it for Cyrenaical, (I thought without enthusiasm to Maroneia) Anyhow when I go to Paris I shall examine this coin very carefully trying to read the letters. Your opinion on this subject would greatly oblige me.

Ascribing for such a long letter in French ought I cannot do Mr Hill, your very truly Oliver Smith

To the Secretary of
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

Please propose my name as an Associate of the American Numismatic Society. Upon notification of my election, I will send my check for the dues for the current year.

Yours truly,

NAME Lucien Naville

ADDRESS 6 Rue Pérolat

Note: The annual dues are five dollars. Provision is made for enrollment as an Associate for life, upon election or subsequently, by a single payment of ~~five dollars~~ \$100.00.

PROPOSED BY:

E. T. Naville

General

May 10/30

Formal letter
of election.

26th May 1930

Dear Mr Roe

I have received your letter informing me that I had been elected member of the American Numismatic Society.

It is for me a great pleasure and honor to be associate to this very important institution.

Mr Howell told me that you would help me in securing material for my intended corpus of the gold coins of Cyrenaica. I thank you heartily in advance and I am at your disposal if I can be of any use for your researches on the Ptolemaic coins.

I enclose a payment of \$ 5.- for my ^{already} membership (1930). If some publication had been issued in 1930, I should be obliged to you to secure me a copy.

Believe me, dear Mr. Roe

Sincerely yours

Lucien Naville

June 28, 1930.

Lucien Naville, Esq..

6 Rue Pecolat, Geneva.

Dear M. Naville:-

Your letter of May 26th should have received an earlier response - please pardon the delay.

First, concerning publications - we have not issued any monographs for this year as yet. Three are now in the hands of the printer, and should be ready to mail within a few weeks.

Thank you for your cheque for \$5.00 covering your dues for this year. A receipt is enclosed.

Under separate cover, I take pleasure in sending you casts of the gold coins of Cyrene in the possession of our Society. Of these, the first five are in the Collection of the late J. P. Morgan. I append a list of weights, and should I learn of any further specimens of these coins, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

1.	J. P. Morgan Coll.	ex Strozzi, Pl. XI, 1707	
		(very suspicious)	7.50
2	" " "	ex Strozzi, Pl. XI, 1706	8.70
3	" " "		4.32
4	" " "		4.20
5	" " "		0.85
6	American Numismatic Society		8.65
7	" " "		0.75
8	" " "		0.85

I trust this will give you the information you need - if I may aid you further, please feel free to call upon me. With assurances of my regard, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

15th July 1930

Dear Mr. Noel

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 28th June and for the casts you were so obliging to secure for me. I very much regret to trouble you again about those coins, but it is a small difference which I should be obliged to you to help me to make clear. In your letter you mention:

1. J.P. Morgan Coll. ex Strozzi Pl. XI. 1707 8.70 ~~7.50~~
(very suspicious)
2. " " " ex Strozzi Pl. XI. 1706 8.05 ~~8.70~~

But on the cast of Strozzi 1706 you have written very doubtful. Which one is, in your opinion the suspicious one? Is it the 1707 (Thompson) or the 1706 (XAIPIOE).

As a matter of fact the XAIPIOE 1706 seems to be the very coin from Montagny 1st part 801, but there is another small difference, as in Montagny the weight is 8.52 and not 8.70 which is very heavy and a weight which the Statues of Cyrenia generally not reach. The coin is unquestionably genuine.

On the other hand the Strozzi XI. 1707 ΘΕΥΦΕΙ is made of the well known die B.M.C. 13 pl XIII n. 15-17. and unless the coin is cast which is not likely it must be genuine. The weight you mention 7.50 is 1 gramme too short and of course also wholly abnormal if well observed. But cannot

the coin have been cut round the edge?

Kindly look at these two coins carefully and be good enough to tell me what you have noticed, and please verify the weights.

If I may do something for your Numismatic Studies please tell me.

I am dear Mr. Roe very truly
yours

Lucien Hunt

Lucien Hunt
6 rue Pichet
Genève

August 8, 1930

M. Lucien Naville
6 Rue Pecolat
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear M. Naville:

Please pardon the delay in responding to your letter of July 15th. You are correct in thinking that we blundered in giving you the weights of the casts of coins from the J. P. Morgan collection. These should be corrected as follows:

1. J. P. Morgan Coll. ex Strozzi Pl. XI, 1707	8.70
1. " " " " Pl. XI, 1706	8.05

(very suspicious)

You will perceive that the suspicious coin is Strozzi 1706. We have compared this with the illustration from Montagu Catalogue, and Mr. Newell agrees with me that this is probably the cast from the Montagu specimen. It is not, however, the same coin, for on reweighing it I find that its weight should be corrected to 8.05, whereas the Montagu specimen weighs 8.62. You will also notice that there is a tiny defect to the right of the sun on the obverse, which does not occur in the Montagu coin, and this is unmistakably a sign of its having been cast.

Thank you very much indeed for your offer to do anything for me with my Metopontine studies. If you would be so good as to send me, at your convenience, casts of Nos. 147 and 173 of your last sale (XV) I should greatly appreciate your courtesy. There is no great haste about this and it can be done at your convenience.

Regretting my previous error which has caused you so much trouble, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

19th March 1931

Dear Mr. Roe

I send you enclosed a cheque of \$ 5.- my contribution to the A. N. S. for 1931.

Last year I sent you 2 casts of Metapontum and I hope they have reached you safely. It will be very interesting to get the second part of your work.

In last December I wrote a very long letter to Mr. Hewell. I quite understand that Mr. Hewell has very little time to write to me, but when you ^{will} send me the receipt of my payment please tell me if Mr. Hewell has had my letter, in which I said to him that it was quite sufficient if he would take the trouble of sending to me ~~two~~ wax imprints of his A of Cyrenaita as I can very well make the casts myself to save him time.

I remain dear Mr. Roe

faithfully yours

Lucien Hawth

Lucien Hawille
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Geneva.

March 30, 1931.

M. Lucien Naville,
6 Rue Pecolat,
Geneva, Switzerland.

Dear M. Naville,

Your letter of March 19th is at hand. Mr. Newell informs me that he has already made the casts of the coins you desire and they will be sent to you as soon as we can add the weights to them. This should not take more than a few days and they should be mailed during the course of the coming week.

I am very sorry if I failed to send you an acknowledgment of the receipt of the two casts which you so courteously sent me. I did receive them and much appreciated your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

August 10, 1931.

Mr. Lucien Naville
6 Rue Pecolat
Geneva, Switzerland.

Dear Mr. Naville:

At the request of Mr. Newell,
I am today sending you casts of the coins of
Cyrene, in Mr. Newell's collection. I hope
these will reach you in good condition and that
they may prove to have something of interest to
your studies among them.

Very cordially yours,

BN:JG